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Bogenhagen assumes command of SD Army National Guard Maneuver Enhancement Brigade

SIOUX FALLS, S.D. – Col. Douglas Bogenhagen, of Omaha, Neb., took command of the South Dakota Army National Guard's 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade during a change of command ceremony, in Sioux Falls, Oct. 14.

Bogenhagen assumed command from Col. Patrick Pardy, of Howard, who served in the position since August 2015.

The 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade is one of four major commands for the South Dakota Army National Guard.

"I am so thankful for this opportunity and challenge," said Bogenhagen. "I look forward to many future successes from this organization."

As the commander, Bogenhagen is responsible for the command and control of three battalions, which are comprised of 16 units totaling nearly 1,900 Soldiers in 18 communities throughout South Dakota.

"My priorities are readiness in training, recruiting and maintenance," Bogenhagen said. "We need to take care of Soldiers and their families. We need to prepare for deployment always, as individuals and as a unit. I am loyal, hard-working, and I expect 100 percent effort and positive attitudes. I know the Soldiers of the MEB and this already describes how they operate."

Bogenhagen is employed as a federal investigator with the Office of Personnel Management.

Bogenhagen enlisted in 1986 and served with the U.S. Army's 3rd Armored Division and also with B Battery, 1-147th Field Artillery Battalion in Salem. He commissioned as a second lieutenant in 1991 through Officer Candidate School. Bogenhagen holds a Master of Arts in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College, as well as a Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration from Dakota State University and a Master of Arts in Managerial Economics from the University of Oklahoma.

Bogenhagen commanded Bravo Battery, 1-147th from 1997 to 2000. He then commanded 2nd Battalion, 196th Regional Training Institute in Sioux Falls from 2009 to 2011. He also was battalion commander of the 1-147th Field Artillery in Watertown from 2012 to 2014.

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171015-Z-ZZ999-0094: U.S. Army Col. Douglas Bogenhagen, left, commander of the 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Dakota Army National Guard, passes the brigade guidon to Command Sgt. Maj. Todd Mettler, 196th MEB, at a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 14, 2017. Bogenhagen took over command for Col. Patrick Pardy, who commanded the unit since 2015. (South Dakota Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Carl Lere)



171015-Z-ZZ999-0091: From left: U.S. Army Col. Patrick Pardy, outgoing commander, 196th Maneuver Enhancement Brigade, South Dakota Army National Guard, Brig. Gen. Kevin Griese, assistant adjutant general, and Col. Douglas Bogenhagen, incoming commander, stand at a change of command ceremony in Sioux Falls, S.D., Oct. 14, 2017. Pardy, who commanded the MEB since 2015, passed command to Bogenhagen at the ceremony. (South Dakota Army National Guard photo by Staff Sgt. Carl Lere)

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